

REMARKS

Claims 18-34 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by Boot. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Boot discloses a communication system for transmitting extended text messages having more characters than is presently allowed by the Short Message Service (SMS) for the GSM system. Boot teaches how a mobile subscriber can send such an extended message to another, selected subscriber. In order to enable transmission of such extended messages, Boot proposes that a first mobile subscriber feeds the extended message into the mobile network and thereby specifies the transmission path and the mobile number of a second subscriber. In case the information is an extended message which is to be visualized on a TV set, the second subscriber additionally receives a notice on his mobile phone that a message is available for him which he can read on his TV set.

Boot relates to the transmission of extended messages between two mobile subscribers. On the other hand, in the present invention, the user can choose between two optional transmission modes, i.e. sending the short message to a further mobile terminal or alternatively to a plurality of TV sets. In the present invention, the transmission of short messages, i.e. text messages which are short enough so that they can be transmitted by the known Short Message Service (SMS). Transmission of extended messages, which due to the number of written characters cannot be sent via the Short Message Service SMS is not the subject matter of the present invention. Rather, the present invention seeks to provide a simple solution for short message information not only to an additionally, single mobile subscriber, but also to a nearly unlimited person group.

For example, in claims 18 and 29 (as amended), a mobile subscriber can optionally either send short message information exclusively to a further mobile subscriber, or alternatively, without the selection of a further mobile subscriber, he can transmit the short message information to a TV unit, which feeds the short message information into a network and provides it to a plurality of TV units. Contrary to Boot, according to the second alternative of the present invention, i.e. the transmission of the short message information to a TV set, the mobile subscriber who is sending the short message information does not have to select a further mobile subscriber as a recipient. The

mobile subscriber who is sending the short message information intends by his selection of the second alternative that the short message information will be received and read by a plurality of persons. This enables a new possibility of "chatting" without a computer. For this, only a known TV set and a mobile telephone which is capable of sending short message information is necessary. However, in case the first mobile subscriber wants to have an exclusive transmission of the short message information only to a single mobile subscriber, he can choose the first alternative of the present invention.

Since the recited structure and method are not disclosed by the applied prior art, the claims are believed patentable.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 449122013100. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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